

I urge you to allow the competitive environment now existant to continue.

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and as such should have to accommodate competing ISP firms that wish access from them. We need this competition to stimulate the deployment of broadband

throughtout the country. I believe a widespread deployment of broadband will also help to stimulate IT use and evolution. The result of this will be an increase in communication effeciency, and decrease in consumption of fossile fuels. The economy will benifit from this widespread deployment of broadband, and increase our competitive edge in the world. Without the competition that results in LECs sharing the lines, the widespread deployment of broadband will suffer.

thank you for your time.

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